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NOTICES AND REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 388th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, February 10, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, February 10, 1952, in Room 220 of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Roll Call:

Present were President MacLean, President-elect Alesen, Speaker Charnock, Councilors West, Loos, Sampson, Morrison, Dau, Montgomery, Lum, Green, Pollock, Frees, Heron, Thompson, Shipman and Varden, and Secretary Daniels.

Absent for cause: Councilors Ray and Bailey, Editor Wilbur.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation during all or a part of the meeting were Vice-Speaker Randel, Drs. Russel V. Lee, Malcolm Merrill of the State Department of Health, Francis J. Cox; John F. Ellis and George W. Garner of Kern County; Executive Secretary Hunton, Assistant Executive Secretary Thomas, Legal Counsel Hassard, Messrs. Ed Clancy, J. L. Pettis and Glenn W. Gillette of public relations staff; Dr. Francis Hodges and Messrs. W. M. Bowman and John McMahon of California Physicians' Service; Messrs. Clem Whitaker Jr. and Ned Burman of public relations counsel; Mr. Ben H. Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California; county society executive secretaries Venable of Kern, Cochems of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Kihm of San Francisco, Wood of San Mateo, and Nute of San Diego; Mr. K. L. Hamman of California Physicians' Service and Dr. Ghad M. Harwood, secretary of the Orange County Medical Association.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 387th Council meeting, held December 1-2, 1951, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, one member whose 1951 dues had been received since the last Council meeting was reinstated.

(b) A report of membership as of February 8, 1952, was received and ordered filed.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, four applicants were elected to Retired Membership. These were:

Rene Bine, Gordon E. Hein, Joseph L. McCool, all of San Francisco County; Ione Pinney, San Joaquin County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, eleven applicants were elected to Associate Membership. These were:

Barbara E. Dittmann, Alameda-Contra Costa; W. C. Buss, Kern County; Emma Wharton, Orange County; Roy N. Taylor, Riverside County; Evelyn Ballard, Charles F. Drake, Felix O. Kolb, Lester A. Mallette, Kenneth Poppen, Olga Rosasco-Loos, San Francisco County; Freeman H. Adams, San Joaquin County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, reductions of dues because of illness or postgraduate studies were voted for ten applicants.

3. Financial:

(a) A report of bank balances as of February 8, 1952, was received and ordered filed.

(b) A report of income and expenditures for January and for the seven months ended January 31, 1952, was received and ordered filed.

(c) A request of the American Medical Education Foundation for a contribution from the Association was read and discussed. It was regularly moved and seconded that the American Medical Education Foundation be advised that California would do its share in the national campaign, through either individual or association subscriptions. An amendment to the motion was regularly moved and seconded, calling for the appointment of a committee to handle the solicitation of subscriptions in California, and the amendment was adopted. On vote, the motion as amended was adopted.

(d) A request from the Woman's Auxiliary for the appropriation of an additional \$1,000 to help

meet the annual meeting expenses of the Auxiliary was read and discussed. On motion regularly made and seconded, an appropriation of an additional \$1,000 to the Woman's Auxiliary was voted, the roll call showing more than a three-fourths favorable vote.

4. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, Acting Director of the State Department of Public Health, reported on recent changes in personnel in the health departments in San Francisco, Alameda, Mendocino and Imperial counties. Among these changes is the appointment of Dr. Clarence R. Kroeger, formerly of Imperial County, as health officer of Mendocino County, in accordance with recommendations made in a recent health resource study in that county.

Dr. Merrill also reported on the production of preliminary regulations to govern laboratories using animals in research. He also reported on revisions being made in regulations of the Crippled Children's Act and the Clinical Laboratories Act. He stated that there was some indication that federal funds to his department would be decreased somewhat in the 1952-53 fiscal year and that the state health budget would be essentially unchanged from the present figures.

In response to questions, Dr. Merrill stated that state funds for aid in hospital construction would probably amount to about 50 to 60 per cent of federal funds, which are now estimated at about \$2,500,000 for the coming fiscal year. On another question he stated that the names of patients were required in reports of the tumor registry for purposes of eliminating duplications and for checking against mortality records. Some 92,000 names are now on the tumor registry, dating back to 1942, and about 12,000 new cases are added each year. These records are confidential.

Dr. Merrill reported that two items of proposed legislation are being prepared for the 1953 legislative session. One of these would consider the revision of rabies control measures in order to secure a more uniform system of rabies control. The other would be in response to a resolution of the California Conference of Local Health Officers, asking for standardized requirements for milk pasteurization.

Dr. C. V. Thompson reported on a meeting with a committee of the California Conference of Local Health Officers, at which problems relating to rabies control, to the use of silver nitrate or other preparations in the eyes of the newborn and to tetanus control, were discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint a committee to study these problems.

5. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Francis T. Hodges, secretary of California Physicians' Service, reported on current activities of C.P.S., including its own internal business study and its cooperation with C.M.A. committees studying its character and its fee schedule. A new physi-

cian's manual and a new hospital manual have been issued, with complete instructions on the handling of C.P.S. claims.

6. *District Hospitals:*

Drs. Ellis and Garner of the Kern County Medical Society detailed to the Council the progress of a hospital district in their county, with its financing difficulties and its organizational set-up. They reported on several items in the existing hospital district statutes which they felt should be amended for clarity and left proposed amendments on these points. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer these proposals to the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

7. *Disciplinary Action:*

At the request of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association and on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Mr. Arthur H. Connolly, Jr., as referee to conduct hearings on charges of unprofessional conduct against a member of that association.

8. *1952 Annual Session:*

(a) Dr. Daniels requested that the second meeting of the House of Delegates at the 1952 Annual Session be held at 1:30 p.m. instead of a morning hour, and on motion duly made and seconded, this change was approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, the list of guest speakers for the Annual Session was approved.

Dr. Charnock, Speaker of the House of Delegates, suggested the possibility of eliminating the vocal roll call in the interest of saving time. It was agreed to mail advance registration cards to Delegates and Alternates as a means of speeding this process.

(b) Mr. Hunton reported on the difficulties encountered in securing adequate accommodations for the Annual Session and he was authorized to carry on advance negotiations for meeting places in 1953 and 1954.

9. *Industrial Fee Schedule:*

Dr. Francis J. Cox, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Accident Commission, discussed the draft of a proposed fee schedule drawn up by his committee. After discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the schedule as drawn be approved as a work sheet and the committee be instructed to carry on this work.

10. *Foreign Medical Students:*

Dr. Francis Scott Smyth, Dean of the University of California School of Medicine, reported on difficulties faced by medical schools in accepting foreign students for postdoctorate training. He presented proposed legislation which would control such training within desired limits without creating problems reflecting adversely on the countries from which such students come. On motion duly made and seconded, the intent of such legislation was approved.

Dr. Smyth also discussed some problems relating to extension courses for other professional groups and urged that attention be paid to the progress of such groups.

11. *Student A.M.A.:*

Dr. Charnock reported on the attendance of five California medical students at the December 27-28 meeting of the Student A.M.A. Representatives of all California schools except Stanford participated and expressed their thanks to the C.M.A. for having financed their trips.

12. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that oral arguments in the San Diego case had consumed more than three days. He discussed the issues in the case and reported that costs to date had been more than the initial appropriation. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appropriate an additional \$4,500 to meet current costs of the case, the roll call showing more than a three-fourths affirmative vote.

Mr. Hassard also reviewed the history of the Hospital District Act and its amendments and discussed the recent opinion of the Attorney General in the Merced General Hospital case.

13. *Advisory Planning Committee:*

Mr. Hunton reported that the Advisory Planning Committee had met on February 8 and had discussed the current public relations program. The committee decided to retain Mr. Ken Young, now assistant executive secretary of Los Angeles County Medical Association, as a member and had voted to request the Council to appoint Mr. Everett Bannister, executive secretary of the Orange County Medical Association, as a member. On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Bannister was elected to membership.

Mr. Hunton also reported that an offering of a public relations plaque for physicians' offices would be made to all members of the Association.

14. *Public Relations:*

Mr. Clem Whitaker, Jr., reported on current political activities and suggested that a radio broadcast of the inaugural address of the 1952 incoming C.M.A. president be made statewide. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this broadcast.

15. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

Mr. Ben Read urged that interest be taken in the June primary and the November general elections and stressed the importance of maintaining contact with the interim committees of the State Legislature. Mr. J. L. Pettis reported on his recent visit to Honolulu, where he addressed two large groups.

16. *California Medicine:*

A proposal that CALIFORNIA MEDICINE carry as a supplement a series of articles produced in another state was discussed and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to disapprove this proposal.

17. *Catastrophic Insurance:*

Dr. MacLean discussed a letter sent to him by Dr. John W. Cline in which the suggestion was made that a committee be appointed to discuss with insurance underwriters the possibility of writing catastrophic health insurance coverage. On motion duly made and seconded, this matter was voted referred to the insurance committee headed by Dr. Lum.

18. *Membership Provisions:*

Dr. West discussed the case of a county society member who wished to remain a county society member but not affiliate with the American Medical Association or the C.M.A. It was agreed that legal counsel should draft a by-law amendment which would spell out the present implied requirement that active members of county medical societies must maintain simultaneous membership with the state and national organizations.

19. *Time and Place of Next Meeting:*

The chairman announced that the next meeting of the Council would be held in Los Angeles on April 26, 1952.

Adjournment:

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Dr. John D. Ball, deceased Councilor from the Second Councilor District, with a message of sympathy to be forwarded to Mrs. Ball.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman*

ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*

In Memoriam

ARMEN, GARO H. Died in Los Angeles, February 6, 1952, aged 73. Graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D. C., 1905. Licensed in California in 1924. Dr. Armen was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



BURNHAM, CLARK J. Died in Berkeley, February 15, 1952, aged 83, of cerebral hemorrhage. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1891. Licensed in California in 1892. Dr. Burnham was a retired member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, and the California Medical Association, and an Associate Fellow of the American Medical Association.



FRANDY, MERVYN F. Died in Oakland, February 17, 1952, aged 57. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1920. Licensed in California in 1920. Dr. Frandy was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



KIGER, WILLIAM H. Died in Los Angeles, February 10, 1952, aged 75. Graduate of Toledo Medical College, Ohio, 1900. Licensed in California in 1901. Dr. Kiger was a mem-